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In re Application of :
Sunil Tomar et al :
Application No. 09/660,837 :
Filed: September 14, 2000 :
For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES :
FOR SERIAL TRANSFER OF SONET :
FRAMED DATA BETWEEN :
COMPONENTS OF A SONET SYSTEM

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: DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
: INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT

Papers filed on March 22, 2002 in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," mailed November 5, 2001, included a Declaration signed by previously nonsigning inventor Srinivasarao Neelamraju in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2633 for examination in due course.

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